

Meeting Minutes	February 2, 2017	Town Hall Annex, DCPD Offices (unable to access the Cutter Gallery)
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Commissioners attending: Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, Barbara Costa, Jonathan Hyde, Aimee Taberner, Steve Poltorzycki, Marga Varea, Leland Stein, Adria Arch

Commissioners absent: Carla Dorato

Guests: Jenny Raitt, DCPD; Julie Wayman, DCPD; Julianna Koo, TDC; Lisbet Taylor, ACC

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm.

Arts Agencies Study: Consultants TDC have been engaged by the DCPD to study the town's five arts-related entities as an adjunct to the Cultural Action Plan. The agencies are: Arlington Cultural Council (ACC), Arlington Public Art (APA) and Vision 2020, Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture (ACAC), Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development (A-TED), and the Cultural District Managing Partnership. Julianna Koo from TDC presented the proposed plan which will address the organizations' missions and impacts, organizational infrastructure, and opportunities for change. The study includes benchmarking of 2-3 towns and Koo asked for input to determine the best towns/cities to focus on. ACAC will act as the client for this study. TDC expects it will be ready to review its findings with ACAC in May.

Minutes: Minutes for January 5, 2017 were unanimously approved as amended.

Officers for 2017: The following officers for 2017 were nominated and unanimously approved:

Co-chair: Stephanie Marlin-Curiel

Co-chair: Adria Arch

Recording Secretary: Steve Poltorzycki

Treasurer: Jonathan Hyde

Cultural Action Plan: Jenn Erickson is planning to schedule another focus group, post March 1, for volunteers on non-arts organizations. The first of two public meetings will take place March 1 at Town Hall; MAPC will need help from commission members at the event. The intent is to get a strong representation from arts organizations, residents, business people, and students. MAPC will provide a standard text for use by commissioners to invite people in their

Arlington networks. MAPC is interested in finding a musician and a visual note taker for the event. When the survey closed, there were 980 responses.

FY18 Budget Request Update: A FY18 budget request for \$15,000 has been submitted with most of the funds allocated to the implementation of the Cultural Action Plan: marketing plan, website design, etc. Costa and Marlin-Curiel will present the budget to the FinCom on January 8. Both Adam Chapdelaine and Jenny Raitt support ACAC's request.

Annual Report: Costa and Marlin-Curiel distributed hard copies of the commission's 2016 Annual Report to the Town that was presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Update on Bike Path Art Project: The project for public art installations along the bike path between Lake Street and Arlington Center received a grant of \$1,400 from the Arlington Cultural Commission (ACC). Marlin-Curiel will convey to Lisbet Taylor the commission's appreciation of ACC's support for the project. The grant will fund three artists' projects. Nine artists' proposals obtained in Fall 2016 are subject to future funding.

New Business: APA: Arch reported on her presentation to the FinCom on APA's FY18 budget request for \$15,000. The committee wanted greater specificity on APA's plans. Arch plans to follow up with Adam Chapdelaine and FinCom Chairman Allan Tosti with specifics on plans for public art on the bike path and in Arlington Center. **Cultural District:** Marlin-Curiel will contact Andrea Nicolay about requesting a status on the town's application from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. **FY17 Budget:** Stein distributed a budget spreadsheet showing an uncommitted balance of \$1,044.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.